

**STONINGTON SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

1 March 2010

A regular meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission (SSC) was held on this date at the Stonington Town Hall, 152 Elm St, Stonington, CT. Voting members present were, Mr. Don Raffo, Mr. John Swenarton; Acting Secretary, Mr. Don Murphy; Chairman.

- 1) Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.
- 2) Review and approval of minutes of the regular meeting of 1 February 2010 – tabled until next meeting
- 3) Correspondence – none to report.
- 4) Business
 - a) Conditional Shellfish Areas – Closure due to 4" of rain on 24 February 2010 still in effect. Sampling will be conducted on 2 March 2010. If the sample results are good, the beds could be opened by the end of the week.
 - b) Equipment – The purchase of a small bull-rake head for the purpose of meat sampling was discussed. A **motion** was made by Mr. Swenarton and seconded by Mr. Raffo to approve \$175.00 for purchase of the bull-rake head. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - c) Shellfish Warden Motherway contacted the US Fish and Wildlife Service and discussed potential cooperation with enforcement issues on Sandy Pt and asked permission to maintain 2 "No Shellfishing" signs there. Rhode Island Dept. of Environmental Management will also be involved.

Keith Neilson from Docko presented summaries of the following 4 CT DEP coastal permit applications for SSC review and comment on CT DEP Shellfish Commission Consultation Form 101D

- d) Application by Meryl Wiener to construct a dock and boat lift in Stonington Harbor on the east side of Wamphassuc Point. SSC had no comment.
- e) Application by Rosemary McKinney to construct a dock and boat lift on the east side of Stonington Village. SSC had no comment and has no preference on the location of the boat lift.
- f) Application by St. Mary's Church to construct ice and wave shorefront protection on the St. Mary's Cemetery on the north side of Lambert's Cove. SSC had no comment.
- g) Application by Harbor Edge Condominium Association to reconstruct a wave attenuator in Stonington Harbor. SSC had no comment.
- h) Review commercial permits issued to Jeanette T. Fisheries, LLC-
Permit #10-01A – harvest permit only allowed for commercial approved areas C1, C2, and C3
Permit #10-01R – harvest permit for relay area R4
- i) Summary of commercial activities – Steve Plant reported no activity at the moment due to bed closures.

5) New Business – none

6) Adjournment - With no further business to discuss, Mr. Swenarton made a motion to adjourn, which Mr. Raffo provided a second. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM.

Respectively submitted,

John Swenarton, Acting Secretary

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